

not six, not seven, not eight, not nine, not ten, not two times 10, not three times 10, but three times 10 plus five. Thirty-five children have been killed and that death could have been prevented in every single case if the gun had been locked up. If that isn't a harm, I'll eat this desk, and if we haven't proven a harm, I'll eat this desk. Now I don't know if LB 83 is the answer, I don't know, but for goodness sakes, we've got to debate it because we have 35 families. The other night on television the family of Judy Schwaller was on television and her son from Lincoln and he talked about his brother and he talked about his brother in glowing details and about the tragedy of the loss of one child and it was pretty heartrendering and I hope some of you saw it and I hope the NRA saw it. I'm sure they don't particularly care about it, but I hope they saw it anyway. The woman from Nebraska City who came down and testified at the hearing and brought the picture of her 16-year-old son, I hope the NRA has a good explanation to her. Gun education, ma'am, we'll just do more gun education. The only problem is that schools don't want to do it. Connie Windhurst who comes here and says, I had a 16-year-old son who was in a rock band and he went next door to his friend's house and there was a loaded rifle sitting in the house up against the basement door and one of his friends, and it had been left there by the father of the house, and one of Connie's sons friends got the gun and started joking and waving it around and, you know what, it discharged, doggone it. Gee, that's too bad, just an accident, wasn't his fault, wasn't the father's fault, just discharged and killed him. That's all. If that gun had been locked up, and there was no parent in the house. There are no parents in a lot of houses because we've got 50 percent of the kids in this state are latchkey kids. It's probably more than 50 percent. All we're saying, members, is bring this bill to the floor, for goodness sakes, and tell the lobbyists, go home.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to thank Senator Ashford for bringing this bill. I'd like to thank him for his passion on this issue and for fighting the fight on the floor, to bring it up. I think it's an important issue. I think it's one of the most important that we could talk about this year. You know, he talked about the 35 youngsters that have died in this state in the last 10 years and he alluded and even mentioned in one specific cases the other people who are affected. I, myself, personally have